



The PEACOCK and CRANE.

AS the Peacock and Crane were disputing together,
 One speedy in flight, t'other finer in feather;
 'The Peacock enrag'd, spread the fan in his tail,
 Prithce tell, says the Crane, what thy pride does avail?

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Tho' children and fools may such trinkets admire,
 Are you better esteem'd for your flanting attire?
 So he left the poor Peacock confounded to stare,
 While with proper contempt he soar'd into the air.

MORAL.

Beauty and pride, we often find,
 Betray the weakness of the mind;
 "He handsome is, and merits praise,
 "Who handsome does," *The proverb says.*

REFLECTION.

The man who his superior talents knows,
 And seeks for science and despises beaux;
 May represent the Crane who upward flies,
 And all the foppery of life defies.
 The flutt'ring Peacock of the present age,
 Is he that covets gaudy equipage;
 Who, to dull earth confin'd with pride elate,
 Hunts after infamy and starves in state.

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